

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 774

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Alaina Wood of Johnson City, a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Star of the Year Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable citizens who have distinguished themselves as extraordinary volunteers within their own communities; and

WHEREAS, Alaina Wood of Johnson City is one such individual who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors. She has been selected as a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Star of the Year Award, and this year's honorees will be presented their awards at the Sixth Annual Governor's Volunteer Stars Awards ceremony on March 10, 2014; and

WHEREAS, every year, 1.3 million Tennesseans give over 171 million hours of volunteer service, contributing \$3.3 billion to Tennessee's economy; they are the backbone of our communities, and by giving of their time and talents to fulfill needs which would otherwise go unmet, they embody the true spirit of giving to others; and

WHEREAS, Miss Wood is a senior at University High School, and the primary thrust of her award-winning volunteerism has been aimed at increasing cognizance of the fragility of the environment and creating a collective conscience among her peers for improving our care of it; and

WHEREAS, Miss Wood's youthfulness is invigorating, and her passion for a cleaner, healthier environment gives us all greater confidence that America's youth can and will rise to levels of great leadership on such critically important matters; and

WHEREAS, she is the youngest member on the advisory council for Keep America Beautiful, an organization which works to motivate communities and the government to create cleaner, greener communities and public spaces, and she challenges her peers to gain a clearer understanding of environmental concerns and change their behaviors accordingly; and

WHEREAS, Miss Wood has become quite adept in the use of social media, which has enabled her to broadcast her environmental preservation communications to the general public, especially those concerning the Keep Jonesborough Beautiful initiative, in which she is intricately involved; and

WHEREAS, realizing with great clarity that changing attitudes and promoting educational opportunities can greatly impact the well-being of communities, Miss Wood's participation in promoting the core values of Keep America Beautiful will benefit communities now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, Alaina Wood epitomizes the true spirit of volunteerism and it is fitting that this legislative body recognizes her as she is honored for her service in her community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize the extraordinary volunteerism of Alaina Wood, commend her as a youth recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Star of the Year Award, and extend to her our best wishes for success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.